



North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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July 25, 2014

Benny G. Rice  
Grace Farm  
458 Joe Morris Road  
Kenly, NC 27542

Subject: Certificate of Coverage No. NCA240136  
Grace Farm  
Animal Waste Management System  
Greene County

Dear Benny G. Rice:

In accordance with your June 13, 2014 request to change operation type without exceeding the permitted steady state live weight, we are hereby forwarding to you this Certificate of Coverage (COC) issued to Benny G. Rice, authorizing the operation of the subject animal waste management system in accordance with NPDES General Permit NCA200000.

**This COC shall be effective from the date of issuance until June 30, 2017, and shall hereby void Certificate of Coverage Number NCA240136 dated May 12, 2014.**

This approval shall consist of the operation of this system including, but not limited to, the management and land application of animal waste as specified in the facility's Certified Animal Waste Management Plan (CAWMP) for the Grace Farm, located in Greene County, with an animal capacity of no greater than the following swine annual averages:

Wean to Finish: **9626**

Feeder to Finish: **0**

Boar/Stud: **0**

Wean to Feeder: **0**

Farrow to Wean: **0**

Gilts: **0**

Farrow to Finish: **0**

Farrow to Feeder: **0**

If this is a Farrow to Wean or Farrow to Feeder operation, there may also be one boar for each 15 sows. Where boars are unnecessary, they may be replaced by an equivalent number of sows. Any of the sows may be replaced by gilts at a rate of 4 gilts for every 3 sows.

Pursuant to this COC, you are authorized and required to operate the system in conformity with the conditions and limitations as specified in the General Permit, the facility's CAWMP, and this COC. An adequate system for collecting and maintaining the required monitoring data and operational information must be established for this facility. Any increase in waste production greater than the certified design capacity or increase in number of animals authorized by this COC (as provided above) will require a modification to the CAWMP and this COC and must be completed prior to actual increase in either wastewater flow or number of animals.

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**Please pay careful attention to the record keeping and monitoring conditions in this permit. The Animal Facility Annual Certification Form must be completed and returned to the Division of Water Resources by no later than March 1st of each year.**

If your Waste Utilization Plan has been developed based on site-specific information, careful evaluation of future samples is necessary. Should your records show that the current Waste Utilization Plan is inaccurate you will need to have a new Waste Utilization Plan developed.

Upon abandonment or depopulation for a period of four years or more, the Permittee must submit documentation to the Division demonstrating that all current NRCS standards are met prior to restocking of the facility.

Per 15A NCAC 02T .0111(c), a compliance boundary is provided for the facility and no new water supply wells shall be constructed within the compliance boundary. Per NRCS standards a 100-foot separation shall be maintained between water supply wells and any lagoon or any wetted area of a spray field.

Please be advised that any violation of the terms and conditions specified in this COC, the General Permit or the CAWMP may result in the revocation of this COC, or penalties in accordance with NCGS 143-215.6A through 143-215.6C, the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR 122.41 including civil penalties, criminal penalties, and injunctive relief.

If any parts, requirements, or limitations contained in this COC are unacceptable, you have the right to apply for an individual NPDES Permit by contacting the staff member listed below for information on this process. Unless such a request is made within 30 days, this COC shall be final and binding.

**In accordance with Condition III.27 of the General Permit, waste application shall cease within four (4) hours of the time that the National Weather Service issues a Hurricane Warning, Tropical Storm Warning, or a Flood Watch associated with a tropical system for the county in which the facility is located. You may find detailed watch/warning information for your county by calling the Newport/Morehead City, NC National Weather Service office at (252) 223-5737, or by visiting their website at: [www.erh.noaa.gov/er/mhx/](http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/mhx/)**

This facility is located in a county covered by our Washington Regional Office. The Regional Office Water Quality Regional Operations Section Staff may be reached at (252) 946-6481. If you need additional information concerning this COC or the General Permit, please contact the Animal Feeding Operations Branch staff at (919) 807-6464.

Sincerely,

*for* Thomas A. Reeder, Director  
Division of Water Resources

cc: (Certificate of Coverage only for all ccs)  
Washington Regional Office, Water Quality Regional Operations Section  
Greene County Health Department  
Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District  
WQROS Central Files (Permit No. NCA240136)  
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